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FOR CODEL STONE FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: OREP (STONE, RICHARD B)
SUBJ: CODEL STONE

REF CAIRO 9118,

1. PRESIDENCY DIR HASSAN KAMEL TELEPHONED THIS AFTERNOON TO ADVISE THAT HE HAD CONSULTED APPROPRIATE GOE AUTHORITIES RE ISMAILIA AIRFIELD'S ABILITY TO TAKE C-140'S AND HAD RECEIVED A NEGATIVE RESPONSE. KAMEL NOTED THERE IS AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY AIRFIELD AT ABU SUWEIR, SOME 15 KILOMETERS WEST OF ISMAILIA, WHICH CAN IN THEORY TAKE A C-140, BUT EVEN THIS IS LIKELY TO BE TRICKY IN SUMMER MONTHS WHEN INTENSE HEAT REQUIRES MAXIMUM RUNWAY USE.

2. KAMAL SAID THAT, FOR REASONS OF SAFETY, IT IS GOE'S PREFERENCE THAT YOUR AIRCRAFT FLY DIRECTLY TO CAIRO, WHENCE YOU AND YOUR PARTY WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO ISMAILIA. INSTEAD OF A CESSNA, AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, KAMEL INDICATED THAT A
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HELICOPTER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FLY OU DIRECTLY FROM THE CAIRO AIRPORT TO HELIPAD ADJACENT TO PRESIDENT'S HOUSE IN ISMAILIA AND THEREAFTER BACK TO CAIRO. IN KAMEL'S VIEW, THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED.

3. HAVE ASKED MY DATT AABOUT ABU SUWEIR AIRFIELD. HE ADVISES AGAINST USING IT NOT ONLY FOR REASON GIVEN BY KAMEL, BUT ALSO

BECUASE OF FUEL PROBELM AND FACT THAT ABU SUWEIR AIRFIELD
CONDITIONS ARE ALSO BELIEVED NOT TO MEET MINIMUM USAF STANDARDS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ABOVE IS SATISFACTORY. IF SO, WOULD
YOU STILL PLAN TO ARRIVE LATE EVENING JUNE 7, AS INITIALLY
PROPOSED, OR WOULD YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO MORNING JUNE
8 IN TIME TO PROCEED DIRECTLY BY HELICOPTER TO ISMAILIA FOR
1100 MEETING WITH SADAT. AS INDICATED REFTEL, WE HAVE KEPT
YOUR AND CREW'S HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR NIGHT OF JUNE 7,
BUT WILL CANCEL THEM IF THEY ARE NOT NEEDED.

5. TONIGHT IS GHORBAL WEDDING RECEPTION AND YOU AND MRS STONE
WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I WILL AGAIN CONVEY YOUR REGRETS
AND GOOD WISHES.
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